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Huntlersville road. There are sevemil matters to set down yet, such as the while pine drives, Eric Geddes, Captain Wesley Owens campaign in Phenitontal in June, 1865, and a member of other small talk topics, but tires tire time will be devoted up tibe boom that came to the Hun; terswille mad as a belated case of the Wirginia boom fever, which in its power. day was fully as virulent as the Flomins hooms of recent years.

Om February 13, 1891, the great white winter, when the snow fell in December to the depth of three feet and was still white on the ground Iwo musths after. Captain J. - W. Marshall, a wesithy farmer of Randulgh county, and a noted confeder mounth of Knapps Creek and started a boom, the partner in the enterprise being Cail John T. McGraw, of Tayor county. They paid about seventy five thousand dollars for five farms un the bottom, comprising about three thousand scres.

The peculiar part about the transaction was that the town site was firstly six miles from the railroad, and the automobile had not been invented. We were living in a kind of hown life meant happiness and peace of mind. We did not know our luck

But the most wonderful thing shout the been was that the big snow of December, 1890, had stopped the trains- and the mails and that when the connection was restored in a week or two, the booms commenced to decline and fall and there were thousands of sellers and no buyers.

The cich men of this county had been touched pretty heavily by the house prior to the Marlinton boom and were already apprehensive of the collisone. Buens Vista and Iron Gate, number of dollars from the fastnesses

er ways and means A citizen from dred pounds. Five days, four camp more than ten feet away, and they count house and inquired if that was ance of the freight money clear the Buard of Education. One of the convention replied that it was the men looked upon wagoning as a them and caused them to gather mothing to do out step up and settle ed to enjoy it. We were making the from the melting of the big snow and while the livid wing of speculathen had touched some of the mountailness nearly all of them were able big Back Creek. About where the River the greatest collection of living indegriffy. Those who went under About where the old colonel, my release upon in their native waters. were mostly broken before they start ative, got it from a bushwhacker,

In the days when the land on which the little city of Marlinton makes such a brave show was devoted the agriculture, a lane lay across the heitiem land from the point of Marline mountain to the bridge across the river. Near where the depot stands a small run came down the buttom and turned toward the river and wandered around like it was lost and finally managed to flow into-Enagus Creek south of the high school building, near the mouth of Warritim rum.

It was on this run that the famous spring was located. Those who used the spring could count on large families of children. I have not heard of it for years and I think it must be walled up.

The lane was what is now called Main Street and after many years stimurgle is a broad dry hard surfaced numithed. At first every thing of the muck kind that was put on it speedily sunk out of sight and it was, only when the road commission put the final touches on it that it became a first class street. In the old days it could get muddy the quickest and stay muddy the longest of any known thoroughfare. I saw the other day an article I wrote for The Times in 1944. making a prophecy of what the dues not seem so far away. I see that I predicted that the railroad was still being looked for in 1944, and that Main Street was still muddy That the town lots were unsold, and had neen replaced by stones that were painted white every spring. I also showed that the travel was being finne by reason of electric motor veharles and that the totel was heated with electricity. Also that the town was still trying to get in telephone summunication with the railroad

And there was mud and plenty of it. . I begin to find out about mud. This is a state rich in agricultural lands, in coal, and oll and gas. That means that we have rock hardly worth the name You can take any ordinary screw driver or some such total and open up nearly all the varieflies of rock to be found in West Winginia. It is friable, easily crum hied, even by the pressure of the hand. It has all been mud and that and so long ago. I do not think that I have ever seen a bit of granite in West Virginia. And hence our rich land and our valuable mineral de

The other day a great dam burst im California destroying the property in a certain rich valley and drowning shout four hundred people. The anytheers said that the reason was that the wings of the dam had been built on schist formations. It will put a quietus on big dams in West Wirginia for many years to come, for gur mountains are made of rotton mak. When the geologists talked allout the schist they meant the cleasure. They call any kind of rock state if it splits true so that great plates can be gotten from it, but if it ciences in an erratic way they call it scribe. This chert that they have been scooping up with a shovel and and which breaks into egg size is an example of cleavage, and I think any

way in almost any direction.

the everlasting cry for water works | tourt countles. greatest coal producing state in the But there is a big tannery, there to the old timer who used to shoot

a great dam or reservoir I would not for the workers at Clifton Forge form want to endure that kind of waiting the nucleus around which the prosat all There was a man on the head perity of the town conters. The two waters of the James River, who lived towns are perhaps a mile apart from under the shadow of a great moun one corporation line to the other and tain. Away upon the side of the this mile is marked by the wild and mountain was a big boulder which appalling scenery of the gate. had never come down, but which The old C. & O. Railway, the looked like it might roll down and James River road, follows the river uses of the level land around the weighed upon the mind of the cove town from the tannery plant dweller, that he made a great chain At the western border of iron Gate and took it to the boulder and an is great thermal spring that wells up chored it to the cliff and after that at the edge of the river. This spring he slept in peace. They say you can comes up out of some great depth in still see the chained rock on the the earth and is one of the most mountain down the gorge from Clif notable springs in the country. It

influence of fear

As near as I can figure out, the the winter rains. Virginia booms were the result of I stood looking at the pool thus public auction on the the city of Rosnoke which was built formed the other day and noted the bo der of the great bituminous coal water, when I was astonished to see

ing nights. \$2 40 toll, all the bal looked very clean and healthy. It was a clear hot day in the summer.

Down the road came some aristocrats when bright eyed beauty and gallant 2 pair springs, 1 cot, I tool chest and in buggies. They were from Poca- men gathered for revelry by night tools, 1 kitchen cabinet, 1 rocking hontas county, and were travelling in pleasure carriages and had their dreamed dreams and had visions. Sunday clothes on. Lap robes and buggy whips and fly nets and linen dusters. It was a bunch going to the refused to read the writing on Wall other garden tools. Other trings lot sale, and the opening of the Iron Gate hotel, and the big ball. They boom was over. They rushed a Terms made known on day of sale. stopped to talk to us and to tall us whither theyewere outward bound I remember feeling a slight degree of many beautiful, friendships. And envy or rather that I would enjoy that was about all they did get; I taking that kind of a trip myself. And so we passed like ships that years ago that the stock answer to speak to each other in passing. We the question of when Mariinton came on home and they went down would get the railroad was five years into strange country to consider buy- That answer was right for there were ing land that was worth about eight mules on the right of way just five dollars an acre at something like years after. The second question eight thousand. Eight hundred was what railroad would we get, and dollars for a tenth of an acre was no we could not answer that, for we were uncommon price for grazing land in looking three ways at once, towards

nuoted as high as thirty thousand. There was a shrewd gifted news commenced to build a railroad. paper man in Staunton named Hon. 1948, lifty years ahead. That date first cylinder press to come to Poca- The gamble was that you paid two

and advertised the printing office. That the town lots were unsold, and as general manager of the improve a bit of swamp. In that way the that all the corner posts and stakes ment company recorded a map of lots purchased fell in odd and unex-Iron Gate October 10, 1889. This pected situations and years after map showed streets and alleys and prosperous citizens were searching parks, and sites reserved for factories the world to find somebody to buy The company was afterwards sold out, but the project was not wholly a failure, for it is a thriving incorporated town today, though it had to vield the distinction of being a sure enough city to the near by municipalities of Clifton Forge and Covington, But it proves that no effort is

wholly wasted. It was a well placed boom. Jackson river breaks through a great mountain at that place. It shows the curved strata there to a greater degree of perfection than at any other place in these mountains Great arches of rock with a radius of five hundred feet or more stand out from the face of the gorge making the

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> It is by no means such a sure and large plants were established there, a was dough. Yet out of all that horsteady supply of power as is to be furnace and a rolling mill. Both are rible mess one of the important toans found in the good old reliable West out of business. The rolling mill is of the State has emerged. Vacant Virginia coal. And with all the marked by a slight elevation in the lots have sold for a hundred deliars. challenge and fuss and fury about flat land sodded over and as ancient the front foot God-moves in a water power in West. Virginia, it is in appearance, as an Indian mound inysterious way. It helped to break not at all certain that water power The furnace is down all except two the promoting company. And after handled in any way would be of ad great stacks that tower above the all a lot of us lived, to see the dream.

> union. I mean soft coal used for employing hundreds of people and deer where the court house stands this industry together with the fact now. And as for living on a river below that Iron Gate is a good home town.

ton Forge. I have not seen it my added much to the attractiveness of self. The fearful man now sleeps the site of the proposed city. The with his fathers, and is beyond the lines were run so as to just include th s great flow of water sufficient in We have got to respect the knowl size to water almost any city in these edge of experts in every science and mountains. In the boom days this III. We thought that iron rails and profession, but all the same, the spring was ringed about by a cement man who allows his common sense the flood of 1913, (the Dayton flood), and natural judgment to be overcome broke the wall down and it now looks by the fads and fancies of his pro like a little bay of inlet of the big river when that stream is flush-from

in a few years by a great crystal water boiling up with bubbles from beginning at ten o'clock, the followspring. The city was on the eastern the bottom, and admiring the clear ing personal property to with fields, and the value of the town lots that there were a lot of fish there. I thoroughbred Jersey cow T. B. tested increased a thousand fold in some had no license to fish in Virginia, 2 good stock cows to be fresh, 1 yearlinstances. This led to other projects and no tackle, and no time. But it ing hetfer, 1 good work team, 7 & 8 until there were cities in most of was hard on a retired fisherman to years old, I saddle mare, 2 hogs, I the hollows of the hills. It was a see such fish and not to make plans lot of chickens, 2 stacks of hay, 1 chiles on paper that had attracted a ing for a rise and the devil take the several hundreds of these fish and 4 bedsteads and springs, 1 lot chairs, In 1890, a small wagon train was pounds each. I suppose they must making its painful and slow way have been carp, of the humble cypri- jars and crocks, 1 cream separator, 1 given way to the extrinsic value, a possible for the mountains travelling west noted family, but all my life I have lot of potatoes. Other things too another of investors in the Virginia Pocahontas covered wagons trans winted to catch a really big fish of numerous to mention. hours had called a meeting at the porting goods from Militoro, the some sort or other. These fish floatrailway station. One dollar a hun ed in plain view some of them not \$10 cash on day of sale. All sums

-I suppose the wonderful aeration recreation, and even the horses seem- there when that river was swollen

The big wooden hotel where they and died from a bullet wound a hun-had the opening ball is still standing and died from a bullet wound a hun-had the opening ball is still standing dred years ago or some such period. but it is not occupied, but I remembered when I saw it, of the time

Street that the day of the Virginia too numerous to mention. special election through and got the county seat thereby breaking up. see from the piece I wrote thirty four those days. Lots next to the opera the Davis road, the Camden road, house that was never built were and the Chesapeake and Ohio. The C. & O. finally gave a great groan and

We had no fine hotel or other place Jacob Yost. He was the editor of a to give a ball to start the selling of famous newspaper called the Valley jots, but there was a June day in Virginian. When it ceased to funct 1892, when the development company ion I went over there in 1896, and got some teams to plaw and scrape so bought the press for the Price broth- as to make a semblancs, of streets, ers of the Times, and that was the and the people gathered to a lot sale hontas county. It had a thump at hundred dollars for a lot and then the reversing that shook the building drew for it to see whether it would fall to you in the busy marts of trade Hon, Jacob Yost as he is designat- or in some secluded corner of the ed by the official records of Allegheny fields. Whether you got a dry lot or

below the gap and there was a large the Al Smith of his day, was being dependent upon its coal deposits and on the border of Allegheny and Bote- Hope was shill high. Next. year Cleaveland had shouted perfidy and has had a bad effect upon the coal has its name implies it was intend-dishonor at his party. The dark interests. White coal they call it ed to be an iron city. Two very days of 1893 were upon us. Our cake splendid and whole arise. A wonder

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